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### **Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands Announces Morgan County Multi-Site Waterline Project Phase 14 in Morgan County**

*Residents in various portions of the county will soon receive access to potable water supply*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (February. 27, 2014)** – Access to potable water will soon be available to 60 additional households in Morgan County.

The Department for Natural Resources' (DNR) Division of Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) announced today the award of contract and start of construction for Morgan County Multi-Site AML water supply project in Morgan County.

"The Department for Natural Resources through the AML Program continues to strive to get potable water to citizens whose groundwater has been adversely affected by pre-1982 coal mining," said DNR Commissioner Steve Hohmann.

AML has found that agency-eligible pre-1982 mining has impacted much of the groundwater along state route 3333, Leonard Havens Road, Old Elam Road, Big Springs Road, Lick Branch, and Patoker Branch Roads making these areas eligible for AML waterline assistance. The project also includes a new water line to a 200,000 gallon water storage tank at the head of Spaws Creek and booster pump station along Ky. Route 7 that will pump to the new water storage tank. This will ensure long term and sustainable municipal water and water pressure to the citizens of Morgan County.

The project, with a memorandum of agreement between the Morgan County Fiscal Court and AML, totals \$1.7 million. The project will be operated by the Morgan County Water District. G & W Construction of Morehead, Ky. was awarded the waterline contract with a low bid of \$1,096,930.96. Kentucky Glass Lined Tank Systems of Lexington, Ky. was awarded the storage tank contract with a low bid of \$289,498. Cann-Tech LLC of Lawrenceburg, Ky. will provide engineering and inspection services.

The entire project will involve the installation of approximately 11 miles of water main in various sizes from 8 in. to ¾ in., one booster pump station, a 200,000 gallon water storage tank and the installation of water meters at 60 residences.

AML is authorized under Kentucky law (KRS.350) to abate hazards to public health, safety, and the environment from abandoned mine lands. To date, AML has expended more than \$115.46 million for waterline improvements and has provided more than 15,267 households with potable water supply in 24 coalfield counties in eastern, southern and western Kentucky.

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